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Inspire Women’s Leadership Program
Female students who will be sophomores in the fall semester of 2013 are invited to an information session on Inspire Women’s Leadership, an interdisciplinary leadership program for young women sponsored by the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies. The open house is from 11 a.m.to 1 p.m. in the Gebauer Building (GEB), 4th floor conference room.

New Music Ensemble performs
The music of visiting composer Andrea Clearfield is the focus of this New Music Ensemble concert, along with the world premiere of UT student composer Ben Stonaker’s 2012 Phosphenes I: Isolation, for chamber orchestra. The ensemble is conducted by Dan Welcher. The concert is free and will be held in the Music Building (MRH), Bates Recital Hall 3.838 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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UNIVERSITY

Powers’ salary tied to various goals for UT

By Jordan Rudner

As President William Powers Jr. pushes to increase four-year graduation rates — citing arguments ranging from minimizing student debt to changing the culture on campus — the single person who might stand to benefit the most is Powers himself.

Powers, whose annual salary rate rose to \$624,350 in September, will receive additional performance incentive awards based on his success in accomplishing a number of goals, according to documents obtained by The Daily Texan through The Public Information Act. These goals include increasing total research expenditures, raising funding through philanthropy

and raising the four-year graduation rate.

The incentive award will be determined using a percentage of Powers’ base salary. The documents use a 10 percent performance incentive as a guideline, though the actual percentage awarded will be determined by the UT System Board of Regents at its meeting this summer. In addition to

quantitative goals, 25 percent of the incentive package will come from “qualitative assessments” including recruiting a vice president for development and a dean for the Dell Medical School, making progress on blended and online courses and programs including Massive Open Online Courses and increasing alumni participation in philanthropy.

Tom Murphy, an Austin-based lawyer whose litigation experience includes contract disputes, said some measure of subjectivity in incentive pay clauses is not unusual. “Reasonableness comes into play, even though that begs the question of what is reasonable,” Murphy said. “But there are always some

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CAMPUS



Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Quarterback Colt McCoy shows his care box that he will be sending to a soldier during the Caring for Camo talk Tuesday evening. Caring for Camo is a student organization founded by finance sophomores Alan Dukor and Andy Smith and accounting junior Jacob Guss with the sole purpose of sending deployed troops care packages.

Colt cares for camo

McCoy comes to campus to promote organization which aims to aid troops

By Alexandra Dubinsky

With a little help from former UT quarterback Colt McCoy, three UT students in the McCombs School of Business are spreading the word about their

new organization.

Finance sophomores Alan Dukor and Andy Smith, along with accounting junior Jacob Guss started Caring for Camo, a student organization dedicated to sending letters and care packages to deployed U.S. troops. The

organization invited Colt McCoy to share support for the cause and rally students into action Tuesday.

President and founder, Dukor said prior to the event that he knew McCoy was a big supporter of the cause.

“He’s Colt McCoy, and he’s just a great guy,” Dukor said. “When Colt was first asked to speak, he said if the event were at 3 a.m., he’d be there

to do it.”

While McCoy showed the audience his own care package of gummy worms, beef jerky and a Sports Illustrated magazine, he also shared his personal connection with the cause.

“The people in the military are near and dear to my heart,” McCoy said. “I

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NATIONAL

Supreme Court could avoid ruling on Prop. 8

By Jordan Rudner

Senior Dustin Haley was cold, soaking wet and sleep deprived. After sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Supreme Court building for 19.5 hours, Haley said it was worth it, because when the justices began to deliberate about the status of same-sex marriage in America, he was there.

Haley, an exercise science senior, was present for Tuesday’s oral arguments on Hollingsworth v. Perry, a case centered around the constitutionality of the 2008 California ballot initiative, Proposition 8. Proposition 8 amended the California Constitution to limit marriage to only opposite-sex couples, although previously same-sex marriage had been legal in the state.

“When the justices announced in December they were going to hear the case, I knew I would be in the city,” said Haley, an Archer Fellow,

which provides UT students an opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, D.C. “I immediately planned to ask my boss if it was alright to take a day off — I thought, I’m young, I can sleep outside and this is history in the making.”

Though Haley and other proponents of same-sex marriage expressed hope that the justices would ultimately use Hollingsworth to establish a constitutional right to marriage equality, after hearing arguments, Haley said he scaled back his expectations.

“The way the justices asked their questions made it seem possible that they won’t rule

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CITY



May-Ying Lam | Daily Texan file photo

Lighting technician Clay Eads arranges part of the Trail of Lights display in 2008, the last year the event was fully operational.

Lights to shine five more years

By Hannah Jane DeCutiis

After last year’s glowing success, the Trail of Lights will be turned back on for this year’s holiday season and for several years beyond.

The trail was canceled in 2010 and 2011 because of

city budget cuts. In 2012 the RunTex Carrozza Foundation took up the mantle of bringing the trail back, raising funds through sponsoring and once again hosting the Trail of Lights 5K. The event brought twice as many visitors as expected, said James Russell, executive director of the

RunTex Foundation.

A resolution passed unanimously by Austin City Council on Thursday directed the City Manager’s office to execute a five-year contract with the foundation to run the trail. For this year and future trails,

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Havev Fjell, also known as the Headmaster of Pain Solution, lifts a bucket with his lip during the Circus Convergence Sideshow at Spiderhouse on Tuesday.

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know the importance of it because of my cousin. He passed away when he served in the Marines. He was a great man and a great servant.”

Dukor said the purpose of sending letters and care packages to the troops is to remind them of home, brighten their day, show

them they have support and wish them a safe trip home. The event, held in the Texas Union Ballroom, also featured Bennie Wylie, the UT football strength and conditioning head coach.

“Men and women your age are serving for us so we can do this,” Wylie said. “I coach for a living. Men and women fighting and dying so I can do my job, men and women fighting and dying so you can sit here. You chose to sit here. They

chose to go.”

Before signing autographs to send to troops, McCoy reminded the audience of the ultimate meaning of the event.

“Let’s not just enjoy this time together and move on from here,” McCoy said. “Let’s actually get involved. We’re talking about encouraging guys that are fighting for our freedom. We live in a free country and that comes with a cost and let’s never forget that.”

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Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

UGS Dean candidate Selmer Bringsjord meets with a group of students Tuesday afternoon in the Main Building.

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sort of parameters set up.”

UT System spokeswoman Jenny LaCoste-Caputo acknowledged that the nature of the qualitative assessment is subjective but said recent tensions between the board and Powers will not have an impact on its decision making process in determining Powers’ incentive rewards.

“A qualitative assessment ... is and has to be somewhat subjective,” LaCoste-Caputo said. “President Powers’ incentive pay will be determined just as all other institutions’ presidents’ and UT System vice chancellors’ and will be dependent on his performance on the agreed upon goals.”

The UT System adopted

compensation strategies this year as part of Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa’s 2011 Framework for Advancing Excellence.

Presidents were offered the opportunity to tailor the chancellor’s goals to their own individual institutions, but Powers, who negotiates his own contract each year, declined to make adjustments to the chancellor’s goals.

Two of the metrics by which Powers will be assessed are the recruitment of a vice president for development and a dean for the newly established Dell Medical School. At the Faculty Council meeting last week, Powers said the search for a new provost would be smaller than usual and take place internally as a result of “instability on campus.” UT spokeswoman Tara Doolittle said Powers does not anticipate similar difficulties in recruiting

PRESIDENT WILLIAM POWERS’ INCENTIVE PLAN

Part 1: Performance goals (75 percent of final incentive pay)

	Relative Weight	Base (Year)	50% earned	100% earned*	150% earned
Goal 1: Philanthropic funding	25%	\$356M (2010-12 average)	\$364M (2.5% increase)	\$373M (5% increase)	\$391.6M (10% increase)
Goal 2: Total research expenditures	20%	\$591.9M (FY 2011)	\$609.7M (3% increase)	\$627.4M (6% increase)	\$645.2M (9% increase)
Goal 3: Improve positive operating margin without using general revenue	20%	\$39.2M (FY 2012)	\$43M	\$45M	\$55M
Goal 4: 4-Year graduation rate	35%	50.3% (2007 cohort)	58.9% (by 2015)	65.6% (by 2015)	72.2% (by 2015)

*If Powers reaches the targets in this column, he will receive his full incentive pay.

Part 2: Qualitative assessment (25 percent of final incentive pay)

people for other positions.

“There is no doubt we’re going to have a more-than-qualified pool from which to draw,”

Doolittle said. “These are different kinds of positions. It’s a different sort of search.”

Doolittle said search committees have been

established for both positions, and that Powers hopes to have a dean for the Dell Medical School by the end of the summer.

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on the case at all,” Haley said, citing the justices’ emphasis on questions of standing.

In the legal world, standing refers to the ability of a party to prove connection to and harm from a law that has been challenged.


Chief Justice John Roberts and the court’s more liberal justices focused extensively on the standing of Proposition 8’s defenders during oral arguments. Typically, a state’s governor or attorney general will defend the laws of that state, but former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, current Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris have all refused to do so. Proposition 8 was instead defended by lawyers representing Dennis Hollingsworth, who is affiliated ProtectMarriage.com, and proponents from the Campaign for California Families.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked if Hollingsworth and the other defendants could prove they had more stake in the case than any other California citizens.

“It’s law for [the defendants] just as it is for everyone else,” Ginsburg said. “So how are they distinguishable from the California citizenry in general?”

Justice Elena Kagan echoed this sentiment, wondering if any citizen might potentially be pressed to defend a state law.

If the justices ultimately rule the petitioners lack standing, the case will revert to an earlier district court decision, and Proposition 8 will be struck down — reinstating same-sex marriage in California.



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NEWS BRIEFLY

Barton Springs Pool ready for reopening

Although Texas weather is struggling to make up its mind, Saturday’s reopening of Barton Springs Pool is a sure sign that summer is on its way.

The pool, which is fed by a natural spring, remains at an average 68 degrees throughout the year, according to the City of Austin’s website. It has been fully closed since December for repairs to the bypass tunnel and dam.

Victor Ovalle, public information officer for the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, said the department’s staff had hoped to have the pool open before spring break, but they are still working to prepare for Saturday’s opening.

“We expect the pool to be open this summer during its normal hours, and we’re glad to have our park patrons back to enjoy the pool in the normal way that they do,” Ovalle said. “We’re hoping that the repairs will help us keep the pool open for a long time. I know our staff is still continuing to work on cleaning the pool in preparation for Saturday.”

Adult admission to the pool is \$3, and it is closed on Thursdays for cleaning.

—Hannah Jane DeCittis

NEWS BRIEFLY

Obama signs measure to avoid shutdown

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has signed a stopgap spending bill to keep the government running through the end of September.

The measure leaves in place \$85 billion in automatic budget cuts known as the sequester. But it takes steps to ease the impact of the cuts to food inspection and college assistance for active duty military personnel.

The House and Senate passed the spending bill last week. Without it, the government would have run out of money to keep operating on Wednesday.

Egypt releases blogger accused of violence

CAIRO — Egyptian authorities released a prominent Egyptian blogger Tuesday after he refused to cooperate with prosecutors over allegations of instigating violence against the country's most powerful Islamist group in comments posted on social media.

The blogger, Alaa Abdel-Fattah, was freed following his demand that an investigative judge take over his case, according to one of his lawyers, Malek Adly. His attorneys are now awaiting a decision on the request, which amounts to a snub to the prosecutor's office by questioning its independence.

Abdel-Fattah handed himself in to authorities earlier Tuesday, a day after the country's prosecutor general ordered his arrest along with four other activists also accused of inciting violence.

Prisoners escape, killed in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya — A Libyan security official says nearly 50 inmates have fled a prison in an oasis city in the country's southern desert, and authorities shot one dead during the escape.

The security official said the inmates broke out of the prison in Sabha early Tuesday. He said prison guards fired warning shots to stop them, which resulted in the death of one. Two others were injured.

The official said nine inmates were arrested while authorities continue the search for 36 others. The official said the prisoners were rioting against what they said were bad prison conditions, setting fire to their cells, and breaking up doors. He said they jumped over the prison wall. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

SARS-linked virus kills man in Germany

BERLIN — A man from the United Arab Emirates who was infected with a new SARS-related virus has died in Munich, German authorities said Tuesday.

The case brings the number of confirmed human cases of new coronavirus infection worldwide to 17, according to the World Health Organization. Of these, 11 have died.

The city hospital in Munich said the 73-year-old patient, who was transferred from Abu Dhabi on March 19, had been suffering from an unspecified "serious underlying condition" that meant his chances of survival had been slim.

The new virus was first identified last year in the Middle East, and most of the patients infected had traveled to Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan or Pakistan.

In recent weeks two people in Britain have also died after becoming infected with the virus.

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Court might sidestep gay marriage ruling

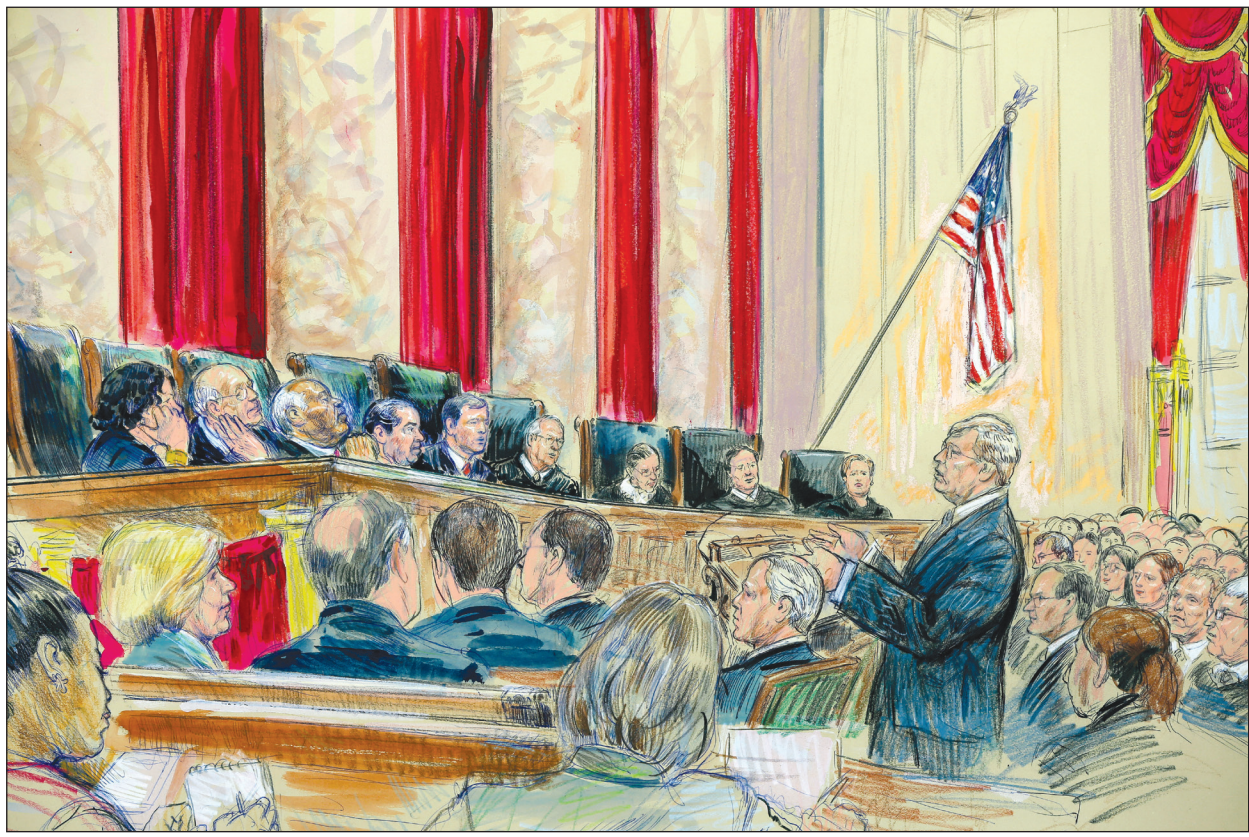
By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court dove into a historic debate on gay rights Tuesday that could soon lead to resumption of same-sex marriage in California, but the justices signaled they may not be ready for a major national ruling on whether America's gays and lesbians have a right to marry.

The court's first major examination of gay rights in 10 years continues Wednesday, when the justices will consider the federal law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving a range of benefits afforded straight married people.

The issue before the court on Tuesday was more fundamental: Does the Constitution require that people be allowed to marry whom they choose, regardless of either partner's gender? The fact that the question was in front of the Supreme Court at all was startling, given that no state recognized same-sex unions before 2003 and 40 states still don't allow them.

There is no questioning the emotions the issue stirs. Demonstrators on both sides crowded the grounds outside the court, waving signs, sometimes chanting their feelings.



Dana Verkouteren | Associated Press

This artist rendering shows attorney Theodore Olson, right, who is representing the same-sex couples, addressing the Supreme Court in Washington on Tuesday as the court heard arguments on California's ban on same-sex marriage.

Inside, a skeptical Justice Samuel Alito cautioned against a broad ruling in favor of gay marriage precisely because the issue is so new.

"You want us to step in and render a decision based on an assessment of the effects of this institution which is newer than cellphones or the Internet?" Alito said.

Indeed, it was clear from the start of the 80-minute argument in a packed courtroom, that the justices, had doubts about whether they should even be hearing the challenge to California's Proposition 8, the state's voter-approved gay

marriage ban.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, the potentially decisive vote, suggested the justices could dismiss the case with no ruling at all.

Such an outcome would almost certainly allow gay marriages to resume in California but would have no impact elsewhere.

There was no majority apparent for any particular outcome, and many doubts were expressed by justices about the arguments advanced by lawyers for the opponents of gay marriage in California, by the supporters and by the Obama administration, which is in favor of same-sex marriage rights.

Syrian opposition takes Syria's Arab summit seat

By Albert Aji & Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria's opposition took over the country's seat for the first time at an Arab summit Tuesday in a diplomatic triumph marred

by severe divisions in the ranks of the Western-backed opposition alliance.

The opposition's ascension to representing the country at the summit in Qatar, a key backer of the those fighting to topple President Bashar Assad, demonstrated the extent of the regime's isolation

two years into a ferocious civil war.

In Damascus, the government on Tuesday blasted the Arab League's decision, portraying it as a selling-out of Arab identity to please Israel and the United States.

"The shameful decisions it (Arab League) has taken against the Syrian people since the beginning of the crisis and until now have sustained our conviction that it has exchanged its Arab identity with a Zionist-American one," said an editorial in the Al-Thawra newspaper, a government mouthpiece.

Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Qatari ruler who chaired the summit, said the Syrian opposition deserves "this representation because of the popular legitimacy they have won at home and the broad support they won abroad and the historic role they have assumed in leading the revolution and preparing for building the new Syria."



This undated handout photo provided by the U.S. Secret Service shows Secret Service agent Julia Pierson. President Barack Obama appointed the veteran Secret Service agent as the agency's first female director on Tuesday.

Photo From US Secret Service

Obama names first woman as Secret Service director

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Tuesday named veteran Secret Service agent Julia Pierson as the agency's first female director, signaling his desire to change the culture at the male-dominated service, which has been marred by scandal.

Pierson, who most recently served as the agency's chief of staff, will take over from Mark Sullivan, who announced his retirement last month. The agency faced intense criticism during Sullivan's tenure for a prostitution scandal during preparations for Obama's trip to Cartagena, Colombia, last year. The incident became public after one agent refused to pay a prostitute and the pair argued about payment in a hotel hallway.

The incident raised questions within the agency — as well as at the White House and on Capitol Hill — about the culture, particularly during foreign travel. In addition to protecting the president, the Secret Service also investigates

financial crimes.

"Over her 30 years of experience with the Secret Service, Julia has consistently exemplified the spirit and dedication the men and women of the service demonstrate every day," Obama said in a statement announcing Pierson's appointment, which does not require Senate confirmation.

At the Secret Service, Pierson has served as deputy assistant director of the office of protective operations, assistant director of human resources and training and chief of staff. She started in 1983 as a special agent in Miami. Before that, she was a police officer in Orlando, Fla.

"Julia is eminently qualified to lead the agency that not only safeguards Americans at major events and secures our financial system, but also protects our leaders and our first families, including my own," Obama said. "Julia has had an exemplary career, and I know these experiences will guide her as she takes on this new challenge to lead the impressive men and women of this important agency."

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Gates CS building sets high standard

Drew Finke

Daily Texan Associate Editor

The Bill and Melinda Gates Computer Science Complex, which opened March 6, is the latest in a series of new or renovated buildings to populate the East Mall. This part of campus has long played second string to the West Mall's historic structures and active public spaces, so in order to be considered a success, any change to the area's stock of buildings must contribute to the invigoration of the eastern part of campus.

The Gates complex, though relatively unassuming from the exterior, manages to inject architectural levity — such as a fifth-floor stairway with a glass floor and orange-tinted windows — into an otherwise standard University building, and contains within it campus's most inspiring new indoor study space. Though the complex's restrained color palette, tight symmetry and severe geometry can begin to feel overwhelming, they also endow the building with a formality and sincerity that has been absent from other new buildings on campus.

The site, located on Speedway but separated from the East Mall by the E. P. Schoch Building, lacks the prominence enjoyed by the also recently-built Student Activities Center and Liberal Arts Building. As a result, the Gates Center sits quietly among the surrounding structures. On the Speedway side of the building, it's easy to see how Fred Clarke — an alumnus of the UT School of Architecture and one of the complex's lead designers — might have been inspired by the

buildings that flank the more prominent South Mall, where small courtyards emerge between relatively simple classroom buildings.

The space between the two wings of the Gates Center is occupied by a Sol LeWitt sculpture that was unveiled on March 21 as part of the campus's Landmarks public art program. Unlike traditional art, LeWitt's work consists of meticulous directions or algorithms that other artists follow to bring his artwork to life. Thus, a collector does not buy a LeWitt sculpture or painting, rather the instructions that will lead to its eventual creation — appropriate for a building where so much attention is paid to the underlying codes that make computers work.

Inside, a LeWitt mural injects color into an otherwise gray classroom hallway. And while much of the complex's interior spaces are painted in cool grays and whites, the extensive use of wood paneling in the atrium located between the two main buildings and the large windows located throughout give the entire complex an inviting feel.

Many of the new buildings on campus — the Belo Center, the Norman Hackerman Building and the Student Activity Center in particular — boast prominent open spaces in which students can gather to study, eat or merely chat. All share some aesthetic similarities: high ceilings, lots of windows, brightly-painted walls and bizarre furniture. The atrium space in the Gates Complex meets several of these criteria, but also manages to create a space that is inspiring to be in, regardless of your purpose for being there.

Four stories worth of open study spaces cantilever out over the

To view a photo of the interior, visit bit.ly/dt-gates

first floor lobby, and each of those study rooms are connected by stairways that literally hang within the volume of the atrium. The angular, wood-paneled ceilings emphasize the height and size of the atrium and give it a dynamic feel. The horizontal wooden louvers that flank the atrium's north and south wall provide teasing glimpses into the windowed offices and classrooms that surround the atrium, allowing the activity taking place within those rooms to further animate the space that they overlook.

Rather than relying on bright colors or strange light fixtures to attract superficial interest, the atrium in the Gates Complex is an inherently interesting space unto itself, with plenty of places upon which to let your gaze linger rather than write the paper you came there to finish, and perhaps even more importantly, plenty of outlets from which to charge your laptop.

Like other inspiring study areas on campus — the Architecture and Life Sciences libraries, for example — the care and detail in the design of the Gates Complex's central atrium is tactile evidence of someone's significant effort. In the words of the Chair of the Computer Science Department, Bruce Porter, the space encourages those who study in it or merely move through it to "raise their game." That statement applies equally well for the architects designing campus' next new building.

Finke is an architecture and urban studies senior from Houston.

GALLERY



Disdain for the feds clouds regents' minds

Travis Knoll

Daily Texan Columnist

Sequestration, the buzzword for the automatic federal budget cuts triggered by Congress's failure to pass a deficit reduction deal, was signed into law March 1. The cuts will come into full effect in April. President Obama and congressional Democrats are trying to put pressure on their Republican opponents by tying reductions in unemployment payments to sharp, across-the-board defense cuts, both of which are blind to the efficiency or inefficiency of the programs in question. Republicans have considered it to be a necessary evil, accepting steep defense cuts to prevent an Obama "victory" akin to that of the tax compromise. According to The New York Times, furloughs will be given to defense employees by April 6th. As is always the case, large cuts affect us all.

According to a story that ran in February in the San Antonio Express-News, the UT System stands to lose \$78 million in federal research money with the sequestration. Patricia Hurn, vice chancellor for research and innovation, pointed out that, although the federal government provides less of the University's funds than in the past, the University would be harmed by the cuts because it is still "strongly dependent on federal funding." For this reason, according to The Washington Post, representatives of universities across the nation were in Washington to lobby against the cuts in March.

One UT System official searched for a silver lining. Regent Alex Cranberg speculated that perhaps a cut in federal funding would be advantageous for professors because, when they get such money, they spend most of their time "in administrative and compliance activities." He asked, "Might this shift be good news for us for our children not having to fund this exorbitant federal deficit and for our researchers to be able to spend more time actually doing research?" Hurn disagrees. She says that researchers go through the same hoops for state and privately-funded research compliance.

What's wrong with this picture? Let's assume that Cranberg is right and that without federal funding researchers could work without the onerous oversight by the federal government. If researchers have significant reductions in funding, what money will pay for their research? Cranberg's argument is akin to saying, "If you're fired from your job, you won't have to clock in, fill out W-2 forms, or pay Social Security taxes!" I agree with Cranberg that room exists to streamline researchers' federal compliance



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obligations. Anyone who has filled out a lengthy Institutional Review Board application to do a simple class survey can attest to the weightiness of regulations. However, once again, Cranberg seems to have signed onto the notion that government is not an entity to be reformed, but a nuisance to be eliminated.

He's not alone in those sentiments among the UT System Board of Regents. In November, the Texan ran a three-part piece on UT officials' political donations. There was one important commonality among the regents: Every member, except for Steven Hicks, had donated to the presidential campaign of Gov. Rick Perry — Perry, the same candidate who famously wished to eliminate the departments of Commerce, Education and Energy and said that "all three branches [of government]" contributed to "the demise of America."

Cranberg, following the philosophical line of Gov. Perry's inner circle, denigrates the contributions of the federal government and believes that business would do better without government oversight. He, along with the now-departed Rick O'Donnell, former adviser to the UT System, has brought UT into that ideological debate by pushing the "university as business" model. But don't fall for it. We are not independent. Half of our money comes from federal funds, and, as Hurn rightly points out, cheering the suicidal actions of our federal government is not good for the University. Cranberg has every right to be politically conservative. But as a regent, he should not let his disdain for the federal government blur his vision about the stark realities facing this University.

His comments should give Texans pause as to whether Cranberg and Perry are really serving in the best interests of the University.

Knoll is a Latin American Studies senior from Dallas.

Court hearings about more than marriage

Edgar Walters

Daily Texan Associate Editor

The U. S. Supreme Court hears arguments in two major gay marriage cases this week, and the timing has never been better. Fifty-eight percent of Americans now believe it should be legal for gay and lesbian couples to get married, according to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Fellow proponents of the homosexual agenda, rejoice! The American public, after a long and difficult fight, is suddenly — explosively — coming out for gay marriage.

Capitalizing on that popularity, the Human Rights Campaign — the nation's largest LGBT advocacy group and lobbying organization — launched its United for Marriage initiative, which encourages those sympathetic to the cause of marriage equality to make public demonstrations of support.

In Austin, 1500 miles away from the oral arguments being heard in Washington, D.C., that support has primarily taken the form of a Facebook profile picture featuring a red equals sign. The mathematical symbol is an allusion to the HRC's logo. You're forgiven if you missed the memo; when I checked my Facebook page Tuesday morning, I mistakenly equated the red banners with communism. But once I understood the symbolism, I was touched. The equals signs were everywhere.

Not all recent demonstrations have been so positive, of course. Because this is Texas, some of our most powerful politicians count among the voices in diametric opposition to marriage equality. Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst spoke to that hateful tone at the Texas Faith and Family Day rally at the Capitol on Tuesday.

Perry did not appear to have confused the cyber-inundation of red with a communist uprising as I did, but his comments were nevertheless



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reminiscent of the Joseph McCarthy era. "The underlying problem is that there's a very vocal and very litigious minority of Americans willing to legally attack anybody who dares utter a phrase, or even a name, they don't agree with," Perry said. "We are also a culture built upon the concept that the original law is God's law outlined in the Ten Commandments."

Fortunately, Perry's views are increasingly out of touch with reality, and I look forward to the day they become obsolete. Marriage equality is on the horizon. But issues beyond gay marriage demand further action by the queer community and its allies, most notably workplace discrimination and issues faced by the transgender community. The Supreme Court isn't expected to reach a decision until late June, which leaves pro-equality Facebook users three months to find a new, flattering picture of themselves. They might additionally consider promoting any other of the equally valid causes that have received less attention.

Decades from now, when my children ask me what this time of history felt like, I will proudly recall the demonstrations my friends — gay and straight — made in support of marriage equality. I just hope their enthusiasm won't have stopped there.

Walters is a Plan II junior from Houston.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

Theoretical physicist Michio Kaku explains how advancements in technology may serve as the fourth wave of innovation.

Physicist talks science’s future

By Mark Carrion

Cars that drive themselves, contact lenses that recognize people’s faces, a digital doctor that offers medical advice from a bathroom mirror — all of these technologies and more will be possible in the next 50 years, according to theoretical physicist Michio Kaku.

Kaku, a theoretical physics professor at The City College of New York, gave a talk Tuesday night in the Student Activities Center about the future of technology and its implications.

“Today I’m going to be talking about the future — your future,” Kaku said.

Kaku, a co-founder of the branch of physics known as string theory, discussed how science created three distinct waves of innovation in history.

“We think that the fourth wave will be the combination of artificial intelligence,

biotechnology and nanotechnology,” Kaku said.

Kaku then described the next steps for technology, such as glasses and screens that could create augmented realities for their wearers and identify other people for them instantly. Kaku also predicted future advances, including smartphones that can pay for items by pointing and clicking, as well as toilets that can diagnose cancerous cells 10 years before they form a tumor.

“The next two big industries to be digitalized are medicine and education,” Kaku said. “You will have more power in your cell phone than a modern university hospital today.”

Despite the rapid advances of technology he predicts, Kaku said humans will continue to hold important jobs in the future.

“Education is the key to the new puzzle,” Kaku said.

The Distinguished Speakers Committee hosted the

talk, which drew hundreds of attendees. Committee Chairwoman Sarah Robinson said the event helped students see science as a field with numerous opportunities.

“We also want students to see the possibilities of where their education can take them,” Robinson said. “It is important to make the connection between what you are learning and everyday life.”

Electrical engineering junior Thejas Prasad said he has followed Kaku’s talks since the eighth grade and was amazed to see Kaku in person. Prasad said the technologies mentioned by Kaku will help bring people closer together and foster easier communication.

“There’s a lot to improve on,” Prasad said. “The future is going to be really different from what we see right now. I think it’s important for students to know about the future of technology so that they can understand this change that they’re going to be a part of.”

CAMPUS

Professor discusses archives, errors

By Amanda O’ Donnell

Maria Wade, associate professor of anthropology, gave a talk Monday afternoon titled, “Ojo — The Eye on the Archive,” that discussed the ways viewers take in an archive and the problems that come with archival construction.

Wade discussed the issue of how to present information in an archive so the viewer has the best opportunity to take meaning from it.

Wade is an archaeologist and ethnohistorian whose work concentrates on the colonial and post-colonial periods in Northern Mexico, Texas and the Southwest. She is currently working with UT graduate and undergraduate students on an archaeological research project in Portugal to excavate a hilltop settlement.

“The job of figuring out what the connections are within a particular collection is a difficult task for the

archivist,” Wade said. “Then for the viewer, the ojo, to see the connections and from that decipher what they mean — it’s a complicated, filtered process.”

Wade also discussed the inevitability of error that accompanies necessary omission when constructing an archive.

“Some things are kept and some things, most things, are discarded,” Wade said. “What is kept often depends on who is in charge of making that decision.”

Richard Oram, associate director of the Harry Ransom Center, said a dedication to lessening the opportunity for error is a necessary characteristic in any archivist. He discussed archival finding aids which are guides designed by archivists to summarize their collections.

“Archival finding aids are intended to be pathways into the archive and are by definition flawed, since they are only representations,” Oram

said. “However, all good archivists are willing to work with researchers to create better instruments and to correct inaccuracies.”

Wade ended her talk with a quote from Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakhtin.

“Anytime I’m in trouble, I go look at Bakhtin to help me think,” Wade said. “He said, ‘In order to understand, it is immensely important for the person who understands to be located outside the object of his or her creative understanding — in time, in space, in culture.’”

Anthropology professor John Kappelman said what Bakhtin celebrates is that all speech is actually derivative of prior speech.

“I respect the impulse to unjumble and place information — because it’s proper of archaeologists — but also to some degree it has to be understood that [jumbling is] inevitable,” Kappelman said.

LIGHTS

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Russell said the foundation hopes to raise funds to extend the event from eight nights to up to 15, as well as keeping admission free to the public.

“Historically it’s been a free event,” Russell said. “Our intention is to keep it free. We don’t have any immediate plan — nor do we really want — to right away start charging. That gets into a whole different deal and the whole idea of the Trail of Lights is that it’s an inclusive thing, not an exclusive thing. Once you start charging, I think you start walking down a path that’s hard to come back from.”

The Trail of Lights, an event historically held every December since 1967 in Zilker Park, includes intricate displays of lights along the park’s running trail leading up to the Zilker Holiday Tree. The tree is one of Austin’s moon towers draped with 39 strands of lights to form a 155-foot holiday tree, under which visitors often spin or purchase refreshments such as kettle corn.

Advertising senior Kate Griffiths said because of the trail’s previous cancellation, she hadn’t heard of the event before last year, like many other current students, but hopes to go in the future.

“I only moved here four years ago so this is the first year that it’s happened that I’ve been in the area, so I didn’t know about it before this year,” Griffiths said. “I’m definitely going to try to go if it’s going to continue because it looks fantastic.”

Russell said the RunTex Foundation wanted to negotiate the five-year contract

We’re wanting the city to be a partner in that as well, to go toward the longevity of the event and to make sure that it’s there forever.

— James Russell, RunTEX executive director

to use that time to create an independent, self-sustaining Trail of Lights Foundation to ensure the event will not be canceled in the foreseeable future.

“We would establish its own board, it’s own everything, it’s own 501(c)(3),” Russell said. “We’re wanting the city to be a partner in that as well, to go toward the longevity of the event and to make sure that it’s there forever. I think having it independent like that is the first step in reaching that goal.”

Russell said the foundation plans to create an online system requiring those parking at Zilker Park to reserve and purchase their parking pass online.

Council Member Chris Riley, who co-sponsored the city resolution to negotiate the contract, said the traffic problems resulting from last year’s success are a point of focus for improvement on the 2013 trail and beyond.

“The Trail of Lights this past year was successful beyond all expectations and that did entail some unexpected traffic problems,” Riley said at the Thursday council meeting.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Student Government casts last vote of term

At its final meeting for the term before new representatives take charge of the organization, Student Government voted Tuesday to support a bill in the Texas Legislature that proposes limiting the UT System Board of Regents’ power, as well as voting against legislation that would ask UTPD to make marijuana possession a lower priority offense.

Student Government resolution supports a Texas Senate bill, filed by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, which would limit responsibilities not specific to the System to fall under the control of the individual institutions.


Student Government also rejected legislation that would encourage UTPD to issue citations instead of arrests for marijuana possession. The legislation argued it would save UTPD time, energy and money, and suggested placing marijuana possession as a lower priority than enforcing the campus-wide tobacco ban.

Perry Pickei, public health junior and natural sciences representative, said his constituents in the College of Natural Sciences are not in support of the legislation.

“Students come to this university to change the world, not to get high,” Pickei said. “This resolution is hurried and rash.”

UTPD Chief Robert Dahlstrom said according to Travis County law, officers have the option to arrest or issue a citation to those in possession of fewer than four ounces of marijuana at the officer’s discretion.

—Christine Ayala




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FOOTBALL | PRO DAY

MEASURING UP

By Rachel Thompson

Vince threw, Ricky donned a suit and Marquise danced. Athleticism marked Texas' pro day as Texas graduates and NFL hopefuls strutted the skills they'd worked tirelessly to perfect for a bevy of scouts. "We wanted the guys who didn't do as well at the combine to have a second chance, so they can come home to a more comfortable setting and show the scouts what they can do," head coach Mack Brown said of pro day. The work began midmorning in the weight room, where players were measured and completed vertical jumps, 40-yard dashes and other strength activities. Marquise Goodwin, who sprang off the ground for an impressive 42 inches, pouted because he thought he'd jumped 44. Former running back and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams snapped photos



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Former Texas running back Jeremy Hills has his wingspan measured at Texas Pro Day on Tuesday. Hills jumped, sprinted and caught passes from Vince Young as part of the day's activities.

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Vince deserves second chance

By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

How could a quarterback who's won 62 percent of his starts, played twice in the Pro Bowl and been named Rookie of the Year not earn a place in the NFL? Since leading the Longhorns to a national title in 2005, Vince Young went 31-19 as a starter in the NFL, led seven fourth-quarter comebacks and racked up more than 10,000 yards of offense. After stints in Tennessee, Philadelphia, Pa. and Buffalo, N.Y., however, Young found himself without a job. His financial woes became public. But the same guy who threw his jersey in the stands, called the Eagles a "dream team" and was released by the Bills last August wants back in the NFL. "You can't hold that against him," former Texas safety Michael Griffin, Young's teammate in college and the NFL, said. "He's a great football player. It's not like he hurt anybody or anything. You see players in the league that



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Former Texas quarterback Vince Young worked out at this year's Pro Day in hopes of earning a spot on an NFL roster.

have done crazy things that still get opportunities." There are always teams looking for help under center in the NFL. If they know what's good for them, they'll take a long, hard look at Young. "I was talking to him at practice one day and we didn't have a quarterback to throw for the guys [at Pro Day]," head coach Mack Brown said. "I told him this is something you oughta do. Go work out. Go show them that you're in great shape and that you're not laying around pouting. Show them that you're upbeat, positive, a leader and that you

want another chance." The former Longhorns star and No. 3 overall pick completed 40 of 44 passes at Texas' Pro Day on Tuesday, two of which were dropped and another two of which were overthrown. He appeared to be in great shape and seemed to be the same, loose, carefree guy that took down USC eight years ago. "Teams have been quiet," Young's agent, Jerry Marlatt, said. "We should be hearing more from them between now and May 1. Between

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Chiles struts skills, Young mentors Ash

By Nick Cremona

John Chiles has always been a tremendous athlete. The New Orleans Saints thought highly enough of Chiles to sign him as an undrafted free agent in 2011, as did the St. Louis Rams after signing him to become a part of their practice squad later in the season before he was cut. Chiles worked out with this year's crop of NFL prospects at Texas' Pro Day on Tuesday, in hopes of being added to another professional roster. In the two years since his departure from the Texas football program, Chiles has had a cup of tea in the NFL and has also played for the Jacksonville Sharks of the Arena Football League. Given Chiles' experience as a backup quarterback and wide receiver at Texas and his training with the U.S. Track and Field Olympic team, he has another good case for NFL teams to give him a shot. For Chiles and his family, that's all they can hope for

at this point. "The NFL is moving more toward John's style of play," John Chiles Sr. said while watching his son catch passes from Vince Young. "The training he has done with the Olympic team and sprinter Darvis Patton has really helped his speed. John is still light on his feet."

Monroe, Hills share shoes

D.J. Monroe and Jeremy Hills may have had a minimal impact during their time at Texas, but that doesn't mean they aren't hungry to get a piece of the NFL pie as well. Monroe and Hills even shared a pair of shoes while clocking their 40-yard dash times during Pro Day. After Hills' second go at the dash, Monroe congratulated his teammate on his run but requested he take off the socks he was wearing as they belonged to Monroe. Hills couldn't find his socks but he didn't need them as he posted one of the faster times of the day in the dash.

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BASEBALL | TEXAS 5, TEXAS STATE 3

Horns nab hits, top Bobcats

By Peter Sblendorio

The Longhorns continued their hot play at the plate Tuesday, recording double-digit hits for a third consecutive game in route to defeating Texas State 5-3. Texas (15-9) jumped out to an early lead for a second straight game, scoring three runs on four hits in the first inning. Erich Weiss kicked off the scoring for Texas with an RBI single, with C.J. Hinojosa and Alex Silver also adding RBIs during the inning. The Bobcats scored their first of the game in the third inning on a two out, two run double by Morgan Mickan. They would tie the game in the fourth inning after a wild throw on a pick-off attempt by Texas reliever Kirby Bellow scored Cody Lovejoy. Silver put Texas in the lead to stay with an RBI single in the sixth inning to score Mark Payton. Texas would score another run in the seventh on an RBI single by Hinojosa.



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Junior outfielder Mark Payton had three hits in four at bats Tuesday, continuing his career high hitting streak to 13 games.

Payton had three hits in four at bats to extend his career high hitting streak to 13 straight games. The junior scored two runs Tuesday and improved his team leading batting average to .430 on the year. "We're getting more experienced and more consistent," head coach Augie Garrido said. "The easier parts of the game we're making look easier and less clumsy than we did earlier in the year. The hard parts of the game [like] run

scoring, that's never easy but I think we're becoming more consistent." Chad Hollingsworth came out strong in his fifth start of the season, retiring the first eight batters of the game before allowing a pair of two out runs in the third inning. The freshman pitched three innings and allowed two runs on two hits, striking out one. The Texas bullpen

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Texas starts off strong, pitching stays effective

GAME BREAKDOWN

Innings 1-3: The Longhorns put up big numbers in the bottom of the first, scoring three runs off four hits. Freshman Chad Hollingsworth retired the first eight Bobcat batters before giving up two runs in the third.

Innings 4-6: Hollingsworth gave up another run in the fourth to tie the game at three apiece. The Bobcats threatened several ties to pull ahead, but the Texas defense didn't allow anything else across. It was slow offensively for the Longhorns, until an RBI single by Alex Silver plated Mark Payton to give Texas the 4-3 edge.

Innings 7-9: Texas tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh thanks to an RBI single by freshman C.J. Hinojosa, his second RBI of the night. The Bobcats were unable to get anything going, earning only one hit through three innings.

STOCK UP

Texas Defense: Despite several wild pitches and passed balls that put the Bobcats in scoring position, the Longhorn defense was able to get itself out of several troublesome situations to secure the win.

BY THE NUMBERS

2: Both Hinojosa and Silver had two RBIs each on the evening.


9: Strikeouts by the Texas pitching staff, including two by Corey Knebel in the final frame.

13: Payton extended his consecutive game hitting streak to 13 games, a career-high, by going 3-for-4 against Texas State.


—Sara Beth Purdy

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Bruins, Luna sweep conference awards

A pair of Longhorn softball players dominated the Big 12 Conference awards this week, bringing in both Player of the Week for senior Kim Bruins and Pitcher of the Week for senior Blaire Luna. The last time both weekly honors have gone to Texas was in 2011, with Luna taking pitcher and Courtney Craig earning player. Luna struck out 25 against Baylor without giving up an earned run last weekend. Bruins earned a game-winning run Saturday and hit .500 last week.

—Rachel Thompson

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with Brown and former Texas quarterback Vince Young, who threw passes later in the afternoon in front of scouts. Fullback Ryan Roberson had a group of family members there to support him, including his father, stepmother, brother, sister and a friend. “We’re so proud of him,” Charles Roberson said of his son. “He just had the drive and determination and he pushed himself to get this far.” Players then made their way to the indoor practice field for passing and running drills. Young’s son bumbled across

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April and May, that’s when things usually pick up ... He’s been working really hard.” Young’s physical tools are there. And with guys like Robert Griffin III, Russell Wilson and Colin Kaepernick making the zone-read,

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Both Hills and Monroe offer speed and agility for teams in the market for shifty players that can take off in an instant.

Young talks to “Ashley” Vince Young didn’t speak with the media but his new-found friend David “Ashley” Ash was on hand to see what the former Texas great had

the turf and helped his father line up balls and stack cones.

Young’s participation drew a lot of attention from scouts and the media, but Brown said he is proud of Young and his willingness to keep trying. The Buffalo Bills dropped the former Texas quarterback in 2012, and he is currently working on landing a spot on an NFL roster.

Young shot spirals at Texas running back D.J. Monroe and at Goodwin, who performed a dance in the end zone after stretching his arms to grab one of Young’s passes.

Running back Jeremy Hills worked out after spending months mending an injury. “That’s a blessing, really, to

which Young perfected while at Texas, more popular in the NFL, Young’s chances of getting back in the league are given a much-needed boost. “It makes all the difference in the world,” Brown said. “Here’s a guy that made a living with the zone-read, play-action pass, boots and nakers and all the things that a Russell Wilson or a RG3 or a Kaepernick or luck does. I

to show everyone inside the Longhorns’ practice bubble Tuesday afternoon. The two exchanged a few words before Young took to the field to distribute passes to the likes of Marquise Goodwin and D.J. Grant.

“DBU” out in full force Texas defensive backs coach Duane Akina had a veritable family reunion as more than a few of his former defensive backs showed up in support of the draft-ready

be able to break your leg and tear ligaments in your ankle and come back four and a half months later and be able to compete,” he said. “It felt good on the turf. This is like a second home for us.”

Highly touted safety Kenny Vaccaro did not run a 40-yard dash due to a hip injury, but participated in other Pro Day workouts.

Defensive end Alex Okafor, who some experts predict will be selected in the first round of the NFL draft, said he was proud of the work he did at pro day. “I think more than anything, the coaches wanted to see what I would do once I got tired,” he said. “I wanted to show that I was healthy. I thought I came up to the occasion.”

thought he came out a little ahead of his offense and now his offense is catching up.”

When Young first entered the NFL, quarterbacks that could throw and run weren’t trusted as much as they are now. But none of that matters.

Because there’s one thing that NFL teams care about more than anything, one thing Young’s always been able to do — he can win.

Longhorns. Aaron Williams, Cedric Griffin, Michael Huff, Blake Gideon, Chykie Brown and Earl Thomas were all seen reminiscing with Akina and his staff throughout the day. After Marquise Goodwin exploded from a stand still to tally a 42-inch vertical, Williams’ father Anthony quickly reminded those standing around him that Aaron himself reached the upper portion of the vertical measurement tool during his Pro Day back in 2011.

TEXAS RELAYS

Beloved relays back in town

By Sebastian Herrera & Louis San Miguel

Athletes from all around the world and in all stages of their careers will be drawn to Mike A. Myers Stadium as it opens its doors Wednesday for the 86th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. Nearly 40,000 fans will attend the showcase, which will feature athletes from the high school and college track and field circuit and a number of Olympians looking to make their mark on the Longhorns’ home field.

“It’s definitely my favorite meet to compete in every year,” senior decathlete Isaac Murphy said. “Texas Relays trumps it all. It’s an honor to compete in the burnt orange and have the home crowd cheering for you. I love it.”

The home-field advantage will be important as the Texas men’s team looks to prove itself after a second-place finish at the Texas State Elite Meet last week.

“The key for us to do well is to not make the same mistakes we made last week,” men’s head coach Bubba

Thornton said. “If we’re consistent, we have a chance of being much better.”

While the competition is not scored, Texas hopes to add the team of the meet award to its already formidable trophy case that includes the 2013 Big 12 Indoor Championship. Helping the team to that goal will be seniors Keiron Stewart and Murphy, who were rested in their specialty events last week and hope to stun the crowd in their events.

On the women’s side, No. 5 Texas will head into the Relays without former head coach Beverly Kearney for the first time since 1993. For interim head coach Rose Brimmer, however, this year’s Texas Relays will be a special meet despite her absence.

“[The Texas Relays] was great before coach Kearney and it will be great even after she is gone,” Brimmer said. “It’s one of the biggest meets in the country and brings in a lot of great runners from all over the world.”

The Longhorns have performed solidly under Brimmer since January and will look to continue that

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Riding strong into the home meet is the Longhorns’ 4X100-meter relay team, consisting of Morgan Snow, Christy Udoh, Danielle Dowie and Chalonda Goodman. The foursome began the outdoor season two weeks ago by winning the relay at the Aztec Invitational. The squad will continue its campaign Friday, beginning with preliminary races.

The Texas Relays begins Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with the heptathlon and decathlon events, and will continue through Saturday afternoon when the running event finals will be held.

unearned run in six innings. Cameron Cox picked up his second win of the year after striking out three batters in two scoreless innings, and Corey Knebel pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his fifth save.

The Longhorns’ next action will take place Thursday in Stillwater, Okla. when they take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys in their second Big 12 series of the year. Texas is 1-2 in conference play thus far.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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In the elaborate ballet "Cult of Color: Call to Color," sheltered vegans journey into the world of color, facing battles of good and evil.

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the character is challenging while enjoyable.

"Painter is like a superhero kind of character," Lynn Witts said. "When you're a child and you think of ballerinas as pink tights and tutus, then you go to seeing this, it's just so cool because we use our bodies and the music in a really different way."

Martin said the

physicality of this ballet is different from the movements of other more classical ballets. Martin said the dancers were complaining of sore muscles after a few rehearsals due to the unusual choreography.

Preston Andrew Patterson, a Ballet Austin company dancer playing the role of Betto's disciple, said "Cult of Color: Call to Color" gives the dancers a new experience musically as well as physically.

"The first time I heard the

music I just loved it," Patterson said. "It's very funky and inspiring so I thoroughly enjoy dancing to it because the dancers just come to life."

Reynolds said working with a ballet can evoke really exciting works in composers. Working with musical logic and then applying it to the narrative logic of a ballet pulls composers out of boxes that makes them try things they never would have.

"I've longed to work with visual art," Reynolds

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..... said. "When I'm collaborating with someone I try to translate the ideas to what it would be musically, so just looking at the art, hearing the ideas and reading the text is inspiring."

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is going to happen early on. Green overdoes the foreshadowing, and the parallels and symbolism are reminiscent of eighth-grade poetry.

The book is written well enough. The characters are well developed, well rounded and intriguing. Green presents and develops a linear plot, but the book doesn't do anything that's exciting — it just clops along at a mediocre

pace. The plot premise is interesting enough, but it isn't developed in an exciting direction. The book is something that's been done before, over and over, and that makes it not worth the time.

Again — it is not that this book is bad. It just really isn't any good. If I had to sum up the book in one word, "meh" would be the one I would choose.

The ending to

"Family Pictures," while sweet, wraps up all too fast. Everything is suddenly resolved easily. Warm friendships replace bitter feelings, the dying somehow survive and broken hearts heal.

For the reader who doesn't read very much, "Family Pictures" might actually be an enjoyable book. The plot makes sense, the characters are interesting and the story has a

FAMILY PICTURES

Author: Jane Green

Publisher: St. Martin's Press

..... conclusion that wraps everything together. But anyone who reads more than five titles a year should steer clear of "Family Pictures" because Green does not offer anything they have not already seen before.

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that someone has an intimate face-to-face conversation. Everything is 'via' something."

Conversations through technology, rather than face-to-face conversations, can create false depictions of who someone is. How many times have you had fantastic conversations with someone through text, yet in person you realize you have nothing to talk about? This is of course if you get so far as an actual date, which according to researchers is becoming a rarity in today's hookup culture.

"Instead of dinner-and-a-movie, which seems as obsolete as a rotary phone, [young people] rendezvous over phone texts, Facebook posts, instant messages and other 'non-dates' that are leaving a generation confused about how to land a boyfriend or girlfriend," Williams said in the article.

Donna Freitas, assistant professor of religion at Boston University, is the author of a book to be published in early April called "The End of Sex: How Hookup Culture is Leaving a Generation Unhappy, Sexually Unfulfilled, and Confused About Intimacy."

"Young people today don't know how to get out of hookup culture," Freitas said in Williams' article.

According to the article, after various interviews with students, Freitas concluded that men and women alike "are deeply unhappy with hookup culture" because it does not allow for dating, romance and intimacy.

"It's not that technology and college 'ruined' dating and relationships," said Jasmine Vallejo, government and public relations senior. "I think that hooking up is preferred to being in a relationship. College life has a stigma associated with it



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that the only way to fully get the college experience is to complete it single; therefore, students prefer casual sex rather than the whole title of being taken."

Even though much of our initial dating occurs through technology and social media, would sitting by your landline phone for hours waiting for someone to call be that much better?

And not to worry, despite social media and hookup culture, we are not destined to become incompetent dating zombies restricted to texting, Snapchat and meaningless hookups. Although norms have shifted when it comes to dating, this does not mean today's culture cannot cultivate long-term, loving relationships.

Government senior Mackenzie Massey shared the story of her nearly two-and-a-half-year relationship, which she said "definitely started as a hookup and developed into something more."

"There was no asking out on dates or courting in the beginning, just hanging out and hooking up until we kind of fell for each other," Massey said. "After that, there were dates and normal courtship things. And now, we're making plans for the future."

Let's face it, if you want to have more face time with the people you are dating, you have to pick up the phone and speak the apparently scariest sentence in the English language: Let's go on a date.

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choose the winner of the competition May 20.

McQuary described his comedy style as "the more cutesy side of humor," but he believes that being a student helped him both develop his style and advance in the competition.

"I can't deny that there's an educational component," McQuary said. "Being young, there's the element of 'This is the young guy, we want him to be successful because he's young.' So I could feel like the crowd was rooting for me. That was fulfilling because it gave me more credit in the Austin community and it's legitimate credit. So it definitely helps with confidence afterward."

Communication studies graduate student Joseph Faina has competed for the past four years, but this year, he hopes to make it past the preliminaries.

"It's super tough because ... they cut about 75 percent

of people immediately," Faina said. "And there are a lot of really great people who are really funny and they do a lot of stuff around town and do shows all the time and they just don't advance because it's so big. It's all based on how you do that day. So if [for] some reason you aren't as clean or polished as you usually are, that's it for you."

Many comics who perform in the competition regularly do open mic nights at venues such as The New Movement or Cap City Comedy Club, where Nazer first performed in 2007.

"It was terrible, but I was the last to go up, so being terrible wasn't a big deal," Nazer said. "Surprisingly, this did not discourage me. Relationships, bands, classes, I've always wanted out at some point fairly early on. Stand-up has been the only thing in my life that I've never wanted to quit. Every bad experience in stand-up is a just a lesson, not an injury."

Like other past winners of the competition, following his victory Nazer performed on TV shows such as "The Late Late Show with Craig

Ferguson." He said every comic in Austin competes for a chance to be seen by talent scouts and hopefully to get their first paid gig, regardless of whether they win or not.

"The preliminary rounds are a blast because you get to see working professionals alongside complete train wrecks," Nazer said. "If you're not into cringing, maybe just wait until the finals."

The year Nazer won the finals sold out, but for some performers the competition can be their first time doing a set in front of a crowd of more than 200 people.

"It's all baby steps though, let's not get delusional," Nazer said. "I'm still a zilch."

Nathan Waters, radio-television-film and computer science junior, considers himself an underdog in the competition because he has only performed stand-up twice in his life. He said he chose to sign up because he is single, and so he has a lot of free time. Waters advises viewers to bring a date to the comedy shows.

"Laughter is the greatest aphrodisiac," Waters said.

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Courtships end, hookups begin

HUMP DAY
By Milla Impola

Has social media, technology and “hookup culture” changed the way we date? After personally spending a little too much time last weekend talking to people through the dating app Tinder, I’m going to go with a resounding “yes.”

In an article in The New York Times titled “The End of Courtship?” Alex Williams wrote, “Traditional courtship — picking up the telephone and asking someone on a date — required courage, strategic planning and a considerable investment of ego. Not so with texting, e-mail, Twitter or other forms of ‘asynchronous communication,’ as techies call it.”

After meeting someone new, we almost instantly ask him or her to friend us on Facebook. Rather than getting to know each other face-to-face, we attempt to draw conclusions about what his recent likes of Furby, Fanta and Muscle Milk could possibly mean.

“Technology is what ruined dating and relationships,” undeclared sophomore Celena Garza said. “Take texting for example. It’s rare

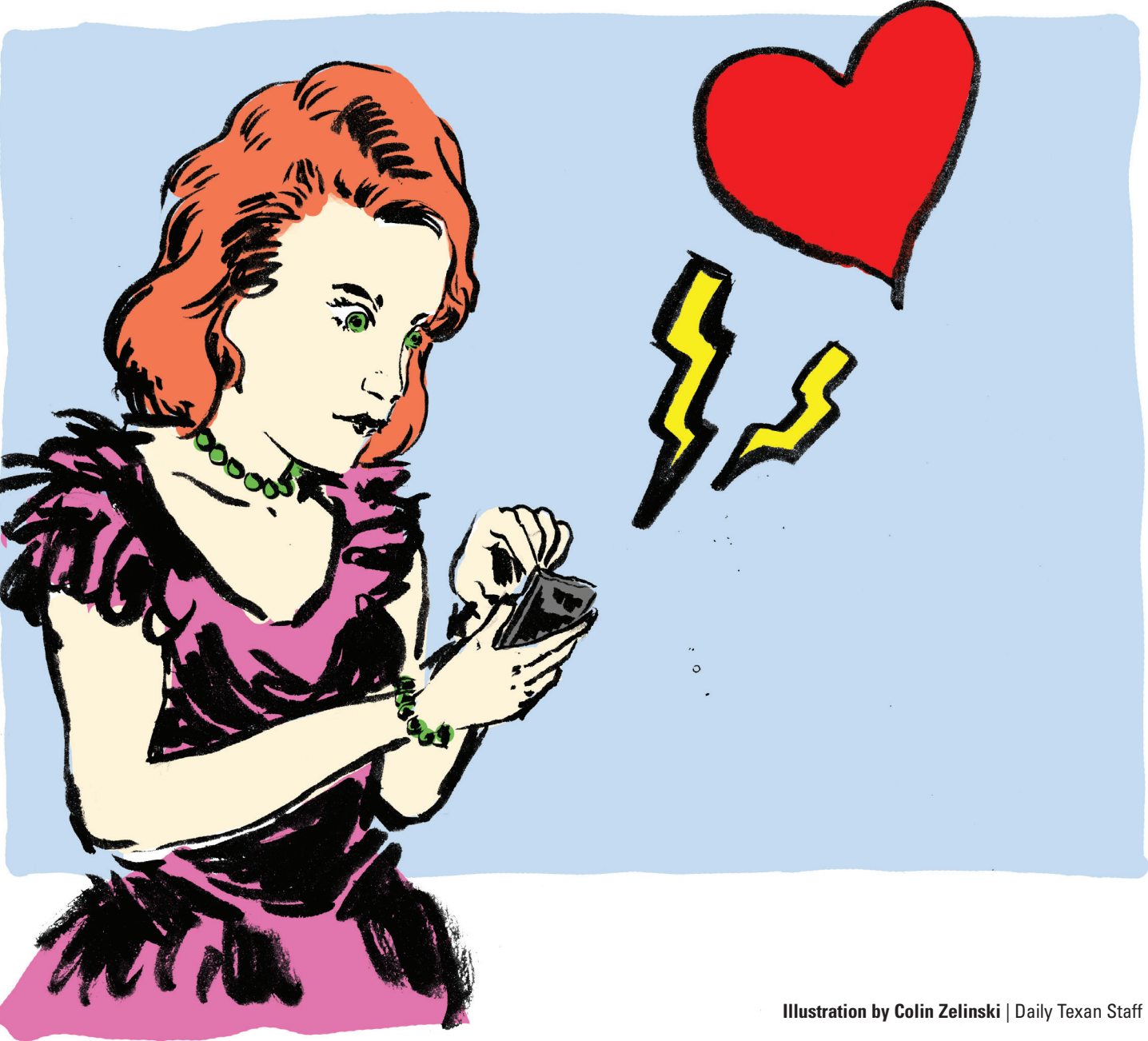


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EVENT PREVIEW



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UT students stand up for ‘funniest’ title

By Juhie Modi

The first time David McQuary, supply chain management senior, did stand-up comedy, he performed right after UT alumnus and 2012’s “Funniest Person in Austin” Ramin Nazer.

But surprisingly, he didn’t let the intimidation get to him, and for the next two years he earned his own reputation in the competition, making it to the finals twice.

“My jokes are like my children,” McQuary said. “I only really love the most recent ones. I want them to

See David McQuary at: bit.ly/dt_comedy

make me money and if they don’t perform for me, I’m getting rid of them.”

More than 100 new and experienced comedians will perform in Cap City Comedy Club’s 28th annual

“Funniest Person in Austin” contest beginning Monday. Industry people from major companies like MTV and Comedy Central will

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THEATER

Austin ballet performs colorful transformation

By Jourden Sander

In a black and white underworld, a vegan priest named Sesom will be leading seven disciples on a voyage to bring color to their lives in the ballet, “Cult of Color: Call to Color.”

A collaborative effort, “Cult to Color: Call to Color” was created by choreographer Stephen Mills, visual artist Trenton Doyle Hancock and composer Graham Reynolds.

“It took place over a three year period from the beginning conversations in August of 2005 to the premiere in April of 2008,” said Michelle Martin, associate artistic director at Ballet Austin. “That length of time is really a reflection between the contributing artists.”

In two acts, common vegans live in an underground world without color led by Sesom, who dreams of color. Sesom is met by an extraordinary creature named Painter who shows him a life of meat and color. Sesom returns underground to recruit disciples for his Cult of Color. Seven enlist, but one, Betto, resists the cult. After battles between good and evil ensue, Betto joins the Cult of Color. Or does he?

Reynolds, musician and composer of the ballet’s score,

said the process of constructing the story, music and choreography was delicate at times.

“Our first question for the process was, how are we going to do this?” Reynolds said. “Who would go first? We already knew a little bit about who was going to go first because Trenton’s world of ‘Cult of Color: Call to Color’ had existed since he was seven when he started drawing these characters. Trenton made a comic book with his own characters, his own superheroes.”

Jaime Lynn Witts, a Ballet Austin company dancer who plays the role of Painter, said that working with Trenton’s world of “Cult of Color: Call to Color” has been unlike any other show at Ballet Austin.

“It’s definitely much more theatrical so I’ve had to attempt to physically manifest what Painter is supposed to be and what I’m trying to say,” Lynn Witts said. “Working with Trenton, who is so passionate about his story, his characters and his art, I’ve been trying to shape something that is so different than trying to be a character that every ballerina has played since the 1800s.”

Lynn Witts said she enjoys playing Painter because

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BOOK REVIEW | ‘FAMILY PICTURES’

Contemporary novel well-written, not spectacular

By Bobby Blanchard

“Family Pictures” is not good enough to read and not bad enough to hate. The book isn’t awful. It doesn’t put you to sleep, and it doesn’t lack clarity. But there is nothing good to be said about it either. The book presents nothing new, nothing exciting and adds nothing to

the landscapes of literature or fiction.

Jane Green’s “Family Pictures” is about an improbable bond two women develop. Sylvie’s life is nothing extraordinary. She must deal with an overbearing, nursing home-bound mother, an angsty teenage daughter whose only dream is to attend NYU and a homogenous and

gossipy circle of friends. Her husband is a “greek god” and she has a phenomenal sex life.

Everything changes for Sylvie when she connects with a woman on the other side of the country named Maggie. Maggie lives the perfect life — she has a rich husband, a big house and is in good standing in her community. But Maggie

finds her world flipped upside down when, by chance, Sylvie’s daughter comes to visit.

If this all sounds familiar, that’s because it is. Many of these characters are tropes that have been used too many times, and Green does not do anything original with them.

Very little more can be said about the plot without

giving the big “twist” away, but it’s something you have probably read, watched or heard before. The plot is built on a premise that takes more than a third of the book to reach, even though it’s incredibly simple. The story slugs along so slowly that it becomes painfully obvious what

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